



PEP Assist

PEP Assist empowers professionals across various settings with the skills and strategies needed to support children facing significant learning challenges.

PEP Assist's agile consultants – all of whom have PEP classroom experience – partner with educators and other professionals who work with children to assess their unique situations and develop actionable plans for success. Consultants are backed by the expertise of the entire agency – one that has nearly half a century's worth of experience working with children with severe mental health challenges, autism and other special needs.

PEP Assist customizes programs and staff development opportunities so that children with difficulties regulating emotions, severe mental health challenges, autism and other special needs can be served – and ultimately thrive – in their schools and communities.

As the leading trauma-informed organization serving Greater Cleveland, PEP puts an emphasis on helping professionals understand the impact stressful or traumatic events can have on a child's development.



93% of students supported by **PEP Assist** remained in their original educational setting or were moved to a less restrictive setting.



PEP Assist services can be tailored to fit child-serving organizations and districts of all sizes. Services include but are not limited to:

- Individual student and whole classroom consultation
- Training in trauma-informed approaches
- Organizational-wide strategic planning for students with special needs
- Positive Behavior Interventions and Support
- Startup support for autism units and ED classrooms
- Conscious Discipline classroom management trainings

Interested school district partners should contact **Sandra Alheit** at 216-361-7760 ext.120 or scurran@pepcleve.org

“PEP Assist consultants are experts at guiding and facilitating the direction our teachers need to go. They do it in a way that’s collaborative, so there’s buy-in from the teachers. The teachers see it more as a partnership.”

— **Gina Symsek**, director of pupil services, Brecksville-Broadview Heights City School District

“When we have exhausted everything and need a fresh set of eyes, we turn to PEP Assist. The experience and expertise of their consultants is unmatched.”

— **Taya Neuman**, director of student services, Brunswick City Schools